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2. BEGIN TEXT.

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04110 PROCBLS EXROSS: TELEX DOWN AGAIN. HEREWITH DAYSIDE:

BEIRUT 7/4- CHRISTIANS SAID THEY CAPTURED MOST OF TAL ZAATAR

SUNDAY, PUSHING PAL DEFENDERS BACK INTO BURNING CORNER OFCAMP.

AS HEAVY FIGHTING FLARED IN STREETS, NOTHER AMERICAN, BRITISH ETGER

MAN CONVOY FOREIGNERS FLED BEIRUT BYCARPRODAMASCUS. WITH TALZAATARS

FALL BY ALL ACCOUNTS IMMINENT, ARAFAT SECRETLY RETURNED BEIRUT

BEFORE DAWN SUNDAY , PLO SAID. ARAFAT BEEN CAUGHT OUTSIDE WHEN

SYRIANS INVADED MAY 31 ETBEEN UNABLE RETURN. PLO UNSAID HOW HE

INCAME. CHRISTIANS PRESSED AHEAD TALZAATAR OFFENSIVE, NOW IN

13TH DAY ETS AID THEY SECURED 2/3 OFCAMP OVERNIGHT. ITS HARD

PRESSED DEFENDERS FELL BACK PROOTHER THIRD OF CAMP WHERE THEY

AGAIN REFUSED SURRENDER ULTIMATUM ETDREW DEFENSIVE LINE FOR WOT

APPEARED WUD BE TOUGH LAST STAND,REPORTSEXCAMP SAID. THIS FOLLOWED

WARNING EXARAFATS DEPUTY ABU UYAD SATY NITE TT TALZAATARS FALL

WUD DASH ANY CHANCE PEACE ETTURN IT INTO "NEW VIETNAM." (INSERT

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FULL QUOTE FILED ANOCHE). FIRES RAGED THRU HRAVILY SHELLLED CAMP

ANOCHE, SPREADING GLOW VISIBLE EXTWO MILES. UNABLE CUT THRU
XIAN LINES PROCAMP, LEFTISTS ETPALS RETALIATED ATTACK ON
XIAN TOWN KHALE 8MILES SOUTHEAST EXBEIRUT. SPREADING STRIFE
COMBINED WITH RAPIDLY DETERIORATING LIVING CONDITIONS BEIRUT,
WITHOUT WATER ,ELECTRICITY OR SANITATION PROSECOND WEEK,
PROMTED AMERICANS ETOTHERS LEAVE ON GERMAN-ORGANIZED CONVOYPRO
DAMASCUS. BUT ONLY ABT 150, HALD THOSE WHO REGISTERSD, UPSHOWED
AT SEASIDE RIVIERA HOTEL FOR CONVOY DEPARTURE 8:15 AM (0515 GMT)
PROSVENHR DRIVE PRODAMASCUS.
THEY INC AMERICANS, GERMANS ETBRITISH ETSPRINKLING NATIONAL
EXTEN OTHER COUNTRIES. OF 50 AMERICANS WHO REGISTERED, ONLY 30
LEFT. "WEUPASSED PVS CONVOYS CAUSE OUR HOME HERE 10 YRS. BUT
BUT NOW WITH FOODETWATER SHORTAGE, TIS IMPOSSIBLE TO LIOVE HERE,"
SAID MOM OF TWO. TWAS FIFTH INTERNATIONALLY-ORGANIZED CONVOY
PAST MONTH ETBROUGHT NO. OF FOREIGNERS FLED TO ABT 1,000.
AT LEAST TTMANY MORE REMAINED HOWEVER INC ABT 700 AMERICANS
SCATTERED BEIRUT ETCOUNTRYSIDE
CARS ROOFS UPILED WITH SUITCASES,
STEROS ETAL OUTPULLED THREE GROUPS UNDER ESCORT FOUR RED
PICKUPS PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY. CONVOY FLEW UNIONJACK ET B
GERMAN FLAG ."AMERICANS UNFLYING FAG CUZ THOT BEST THEY DIDNT
SHOW COLORS PASSING THRU PAL LINES," GERMANS SAID. BUT ONE
ELDERY AMERICAN LADY, SEEING OTHER FLAGS, OUTPULLED MINI
STARS ETSTRIPS EXPURSE ETFLEW IT EXANTENNA HER CAR. LEADING AMI
SECTION US CHARGE GEORGE LAMTYHOYOM FOR THOSE STAYING, FUTURE
UNCERTAIN. LEAGUE S RIAD LEFT F PRODAMASCUS SATY ETDUE CIAROWARDS
SUNDAY AFTER WEEKEND TRUCE HE MEDIATED COLLAPSED LESSTHAN 24 HRS.
TWAS 41ST TUCE 14MOS BUT PROVED JUST AS ILLUSORY AS 40 TTPRECEDED
IT. TWAS APPARENTTT XIAN , WITH TALZAATAR FINALLY IN THEIR GRSASP
FIRST TIME IN WAR, NEVER INTENDED ACCEPT TUCE. BUT ITS FAILURE
ALL THE MORE DRAMATIC CUZ BROUGHT PROEND ALL FORESEEABLE MED-
IATION EFFORTS. UPPICK HOSPITAL SITN ETAPSERS QUOUTES EXANOCHE.
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